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## Local Brevities.

Office rooms for rent. Geo. W. Barker, Astoria National Bank.

Chief Hallock is reported sick at his rooms, but expects to be out in a day or so.

J. Strauss has moved his cigar store to Bond street in the rear of the Pat market.

Ben Smith, Geo. Fussell, W. A. Hall and J. N. Foster were granted licenses to hunt, yesterday.

Lipton celebrated Teas, White House Coffee, Burnett's Flavoring Extracts. Fisher Bros. Co.

G. A. Marsch is building a two-story residence on his property at 1436 Grand avenue. It will cost about \$1500.

**Electric Face Massage and Scalp treatment; five expert barbers. Baths. OCCIDENT HOTEL BARBER SHOP.**

Danziger's great shirt sale this week has been a great success. The display in the window shows the bargains being offered.

S. S. Gordon is getting along as well as can be expected and is able to see his many friends, many of whom called yesterday.

## SPECIAL

### TODAY ONLY

#### THE LAST CHANCE

"A BREAKFAST DELIGHT" is our **PERFECTION BLEND MOCHA AND JAVA COFFEE.**

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In the probate court yesterday W. C. A. Pohl was appointed administrator of the estate of John Bruning, deceased, and H. Liebel, Max Young and O. F. Morton were appointed appraisers to meet June 9, 1905.

The Farmers' Creamery Association, of Skamokawa, manufactured over 11,000 pounds of butter during the month of May, most of which was sold in Portland. The amount realized was over \$2,000.

O. I. Peterson is an office holder now. Yesterday he received his commission from Governor Chamberlain as state delegate to the National Good Roads Convention which meets in Portland this year.

J. W. Gheen received a dispatch last evening that his wife's sister Miss E. Brouillard, of San Francisco, had died. Mr. Gheen's wife left for that place last morning and will not arrive in time to see her sister alive.

The county court is advertising for bids to furnish the county with fifty cords of fir slab wood, 16 inches in length. The wood is to be delivered by September 1st. Bids are to be filed with the clerk on or before July 1st.

The report published yesterday that Mrs. C. W. Fulton had consented to act as hostess for Astoria day at the Lewis and Clark fair, was erroneous. Mrs. Fulton had made other engagements prior to her appointment and so notified Mayor Surprenant.

A letter was received from C.W. Loughery and E. D. Brooks from Tillamook head stating that they had been killing sea lions at the rate of 30 a day and that the seals pay no attention to the shooting. Even at this rate it will take two months to exterminate them.

Ed. Church returned from Portland yesterday from a two days' visit to the Lewis and Clark fair. He reports the government building one of the finest at the fair. The fisheries exhibit is well worth seeing. All of the displays are not in place yet and very few of the concessions on the trail are opened.

Her old mission and her famous lemons have made Santa Barbara famous. Tourists from all over the world have gone to see her missions, and her lemons have gone all over the world to satisfy the tourist, as well as those living the "simple life." You can get her mission lemons from your grocer.

Christ Olsen was over from Chinook yesterday and reports that all of the traps are doing well this year, much better than last season. The fish are of the finest quality ever taken from the river and average about 30 pounds each. The gillnetters report good catches yesterday while the sciners caught more yesterday than for several days, the muddy water having disappeared. There have never been as fine a quality of fish packed on the Columbia river as this year.

Charley, Adolph and John Seaborg returned last evening at 6:30 with the body of Robert Broom, who was drowned on May 30, and whose body washed ashore on Long Beach. The Pacific county authorities had buried him, but he was disinterred yesterday. The Seaborg brothers identified the body by his clothes and a gold tooth, the features being unrecognizable. "Bob," as he was familiarly called, had many friends in Astoria and was an intimate friend of the Seaborgs who will give him a decent burial. The funeral will take place today from Pohl's undertaking parlors and the interment will be at Greenwood. Rev. W. S. Short will preach the funeral sermon. Friends are invited to attend the funeral.

#### New Policy at the Star.

Arrangements have been completed for the new program at the Star and the first bill will be presented next Monday afternoon at the matinee and in the evening. Manager Gervutz, from his long experience in Astoria, knows what the people want and is satisfied that the longer and better the program, the better the attendance and the more will it be appreciated. With a determination to conduct the most popular playhouse in the city was the inducement for making the change. Instead of a four turn program it will be doubled, and instead of lasting one hour it will last an hour and a half. The first performance will begin at 7:30 sharp and the second at 9 o'clock, and the matinee at 2:30. There will be no increase in the price of admission except a few seats will be reserved to comply with a popular demand. With this exception the admission will be 10 cents at both matinee and evening performance. The bill for next week will be one of the best ever presented in this city, the very best talent having been secured. Lovers of vaudeville will no doubt appreciate the efforts of Manager Gervutz to please the public.

## ASSESSED VALUES

Correspondent Gives his Views upon Assessment and Taxation.

### TAX-PAYERS ARE AFRAID

The Astorian Position is Correct But the Proposed Assessment of Property at Its Full Cash Value Would Increase City and County Taxes

Astoria, June 8.—Ed Astorian.—The article on increasing the assessment of property in Clatsop county, published in Wednesday's Astorian, is no doubt correct so far as the legal status of the case is concerned, but there are other questions to be considered in connection with the proposed elevation of the value of property in the city and county. If the taxpayers, those that pay the bulk of the taxes, could be assured that the tax levy would be reduced in proportion as the value is increased, then I do not believe there would be any objection to the arguments advanced by the Astorian but there is a lack of confidence in Astoria among the business men and property owners in the administration of the business affairs of both city and county.

If the property is assessed at its actual cash value, there are certain levies fixed by law that can not be changed. We have no assurance that the county court would reduce the levy for the new court house and if a five mill tax should be levied on an increased valuation, it make our taxes so much higher. If we knew that the county court would build a court house as at first contemplated to cost about \$75,000, this objection would be removed, but when the foundation has cost over \$45,000, and I am informed that the building completed would cost \$272,000, the taxpayers would certainly protest to any changes in the present system of assessing property until there is a change in the county court.

Still another reason. The city of Astoria can levy ten mills. We have no assurance that if the assessment is increased, that the common council will reduce the levy, and I want to say right here and now, that the business methods of the present city government are fraught with danger to the taxpayers. I am informed that they have reached their limit of indebtedness, and that the business of the city is not and has not been carried on in a business like way, but there has been too much extravagance and waste of the people's money, and we have no assurance that if the assessment is increased, the council will not use every dollar that can be collected.

I readily admit that the present system is wrong, and works against the county. I believe that if there was a \$12,000,000 valuation instead of a \$4,000,000 valuation, a 10-mill levy for county purposes and a 5-mill for city purposes, instead of 26 for the county and 10 for the city, it would be better for the city and county, but I am like a large number of other taxpayers that are afraid to trust either the county or city officers as their record for the past two or three years has done more to frighten and keep capital away from Astoria than high taxes.

You say that people intending locating in any county always ask, what is the tax levy. This is true, but it is also true, that they also ask how the business affairs of the city and county are managed, and I know of my own knowledge that a number of people have been kept away from Astoria on account of the extravagance of both the county court and the common council. Whenever the people will put the people's business in the hands of business men in which the tax-payers have confidence, then will we be willing that the assessed valuation of all property be doubled or trebled, but the tax-payers are not going to submit to an increased valuation with the same levy in order to allow the county court to build a \$300,000 court house, and the common council to increase the salaries of its officers and buying supplies wholly unnecessary and which they would not buy if they were transacting the business for themselves. There is no doubt but the Astorian is legally and morally right, but the people of Clatsop county are simply up against it by administrations in which the people have no confidence in, and which we know is the most extravagant ever in the history of the city or county. The city nor county debt has not been reduced one cent during the past two years and we pay more taxes every year and don't know what becomes of the money. Clean out both administrations, and the tax payers will be the first to ask for a

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\$3.50 Ladies Skirts .....\$2.95	5c Cotton Dress Goods .....17c
\$3.00 Ladies Skirts .....\$2.95	35c Silk Taffeta .....25c
\$3.00 Ladies Skirts .....\$1.95	35c Home Spun .....25c
\$2.50 Ladies Shoes .....\$1.50	\$1.00 and \$1.25 Novelty Dress Goods .....89c
50c Boys' Waists .....25c	\$1.50 Shirt Waists .....\$1.15
75c Fancy Shirts .....50c	\$2.00 Shirt Waists .....\$1.48
75c Straw Hats .....25c	
35c Novelty Dress Goods.....23c	

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### WILL ATTEND FAIR.

Postmaster Cortelyou Will Visit Portland Exposition.

It was expected that Postmaster General George B. Cortelyou would be able to visit the Lewis and Clark fair on the opening day, but the following gives his reasons for not doing so:

"It is a very keen disappointment to me that I can not get to Portland to attend the opening of the exposition," said the postmaster general today, "but I count upon visiting Portland later, in order that I may see the exposition of which I have heard so much."

The postmaster general has been strongly and persistently urged by Senator Fulton and Chairman Frank Baker to drop everything in Washington and go to Portland, and the cordial invitation extended by these men on behalf of the people of Oregon has appealed to Mr. Cortelyou. But the postmaster general is a man who follows the old rule, "business before pleasure," and following this rule he is compelled to forego what he acknowledges would be a very pleasant vacation. However, he

counts upon visiting the exposition later in the summer, and will notify Chairman Baker when he decided to make the trip.

As chairman of the republican national committee Mr. Cortelyou became acquainted with Mr. Baker during the late presidential campaign, and the friendship then formed has been renewed on two occasions when Mr. Baker visited Washington during the winter.

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